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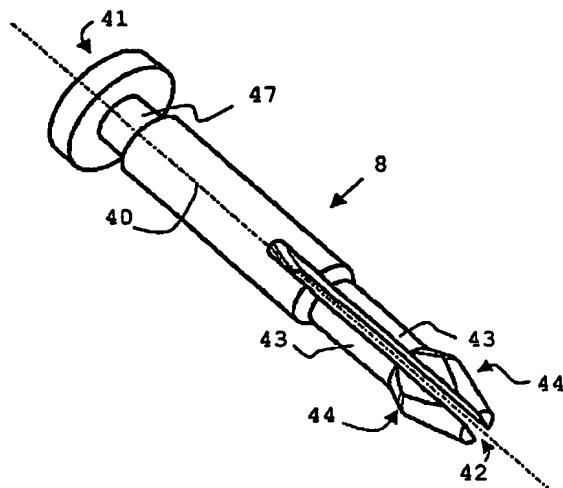
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a locking element (8) for locking and unlocking a cable connector and a counterpart, said locking element (8) extending along a longitudinal axis (40) between a rear side (41) and a mating side (42). At the mating side (42) two or more resilient beams (43) extend substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis (40) and contain one or more locking structures (44) comprising an insertion surface and a locking surface building an angle with the longitudinal axis (40). The insertion surface and locking surface have an inclined orientation with respect to the longitudinal axis (40) wherein the angle of the locking surface is larger than the angle of the insertion surface but substantially smaller than 90 degrees. The invention further relates to a connector system wherein one or more of these locking elements (8) are applied to connect a cable connector and a board connector.